

# Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management

## Texas State Operations Center



## Situation Awareness Brief



Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017  
As of 0900 CST

# Incidents Reported to the State Operations Center (last 24 hours)

DATE	EVENT / INCIDENT	LOCATION (City/County)	Final Report: Y/N
032217	Final Report of Road Closure (SH 207)	Carson County	Y
032217	Final Report of the Rest Stop Fire	Donley County	Y
032217	Initial Report of a Saltwater Disposal Center Fire	La Salle County	N
032217	Initial Report of a Structure Fire in La Salle County	La Salle County	N
03/22/17	Final Report of the Ribble Road Fire	Young County	Y
03/22/17	Final Report of the Shaller Ranch Fire	Hemphill County	Y
03/22/17	Final Report of a Saltwater Disposal Center Fire	La Salle County	Y
03/22/17	Final Report of a Structure Fire	La Salle County	Y
03/22/17	Final Report of the Baffim Fire	Kenedy County	Y
03/23/17	Silver Alert Activation for Upshur Co SO	Upshur County	N
03/23/17	Silver Alert Discontinuation for Upshur Co SO	Upshur County	Y

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03/23/17	AFRCC Rescue Mission 2045 Opened	Brewster County	N
03/23/17	AFRCC Rescue Mission 2045 Closed	Brewster County	Y

# Informational Products

## Distributed by the State Operations Center

DATE	SUBJECT
03/22/17	NWS Norman Update: Weather Outlook and Resources
03/22/17	NWS Lake Charles: Weather Update- 3pm Wednesday 3.22.17
03/22/17	NWS Houston: Severe Weather Potential Friday 3/24
03/22/17	NWS Fort Worth Update: Severe thunderstorms possible Friday
03/22/17	NWS Midland: Fire Weather briefing for Thursday Mar 23 2017
03/23/17	NWS Midland/Odessa: Fire Weather Briefing for Thursday
03/23/17	FEMA Region 6 Daily Situation Awareness Brief
03/23/17	NWS Shreveport, LA: Severe Weather Still Possible Tomorrow afternoon through early Saturday morning
03/23/17	Daily NWS Threat Brief for Thursday, March 23, 2017 for FEMA Region 6
03/23/17	NWS El Paso: Weather Hazards Outlook for Thursday March 23, 2017

# Weather Forecast



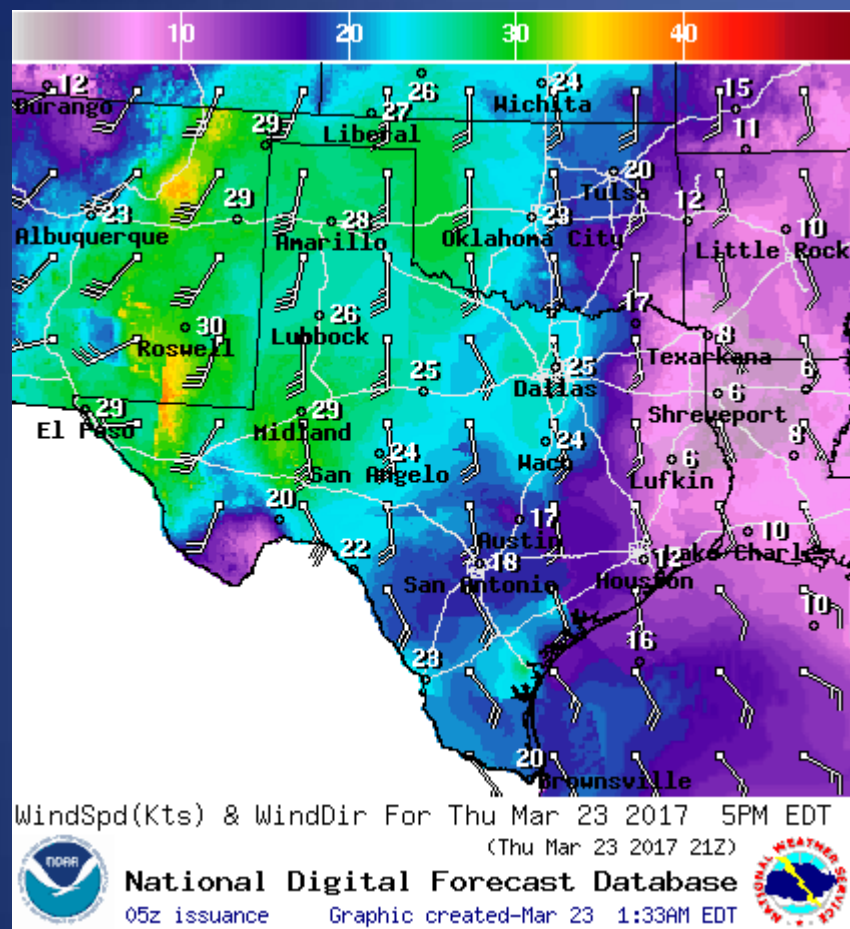
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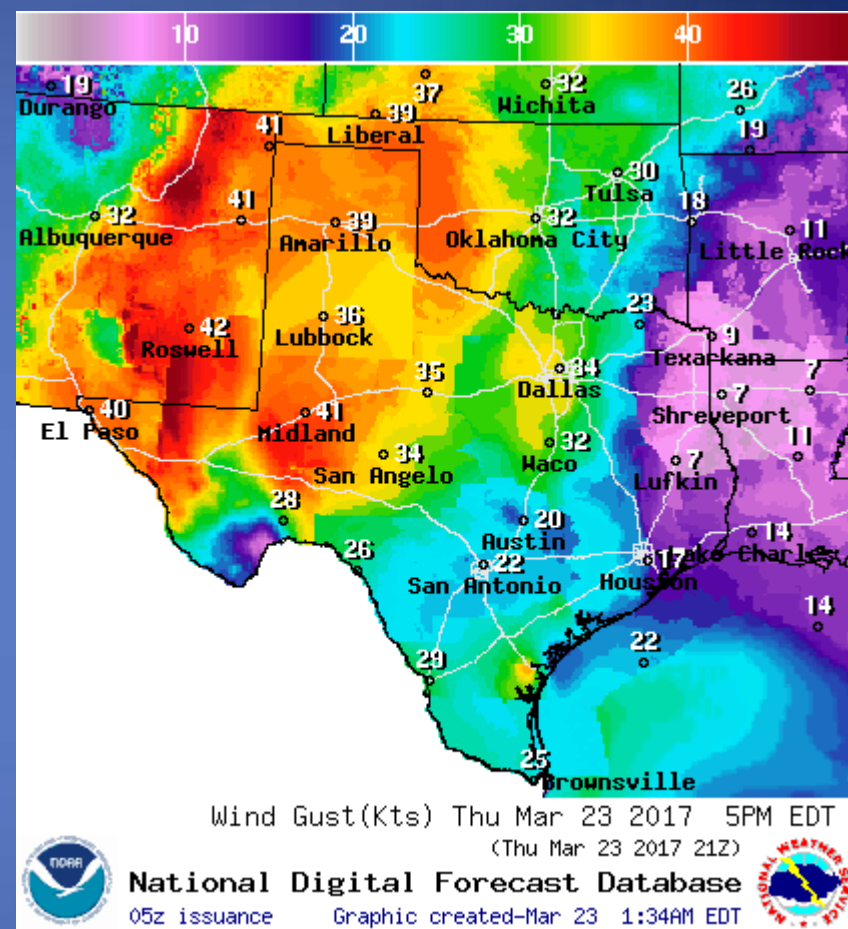
Lows



# Weather Forecast



## Wind Speeds



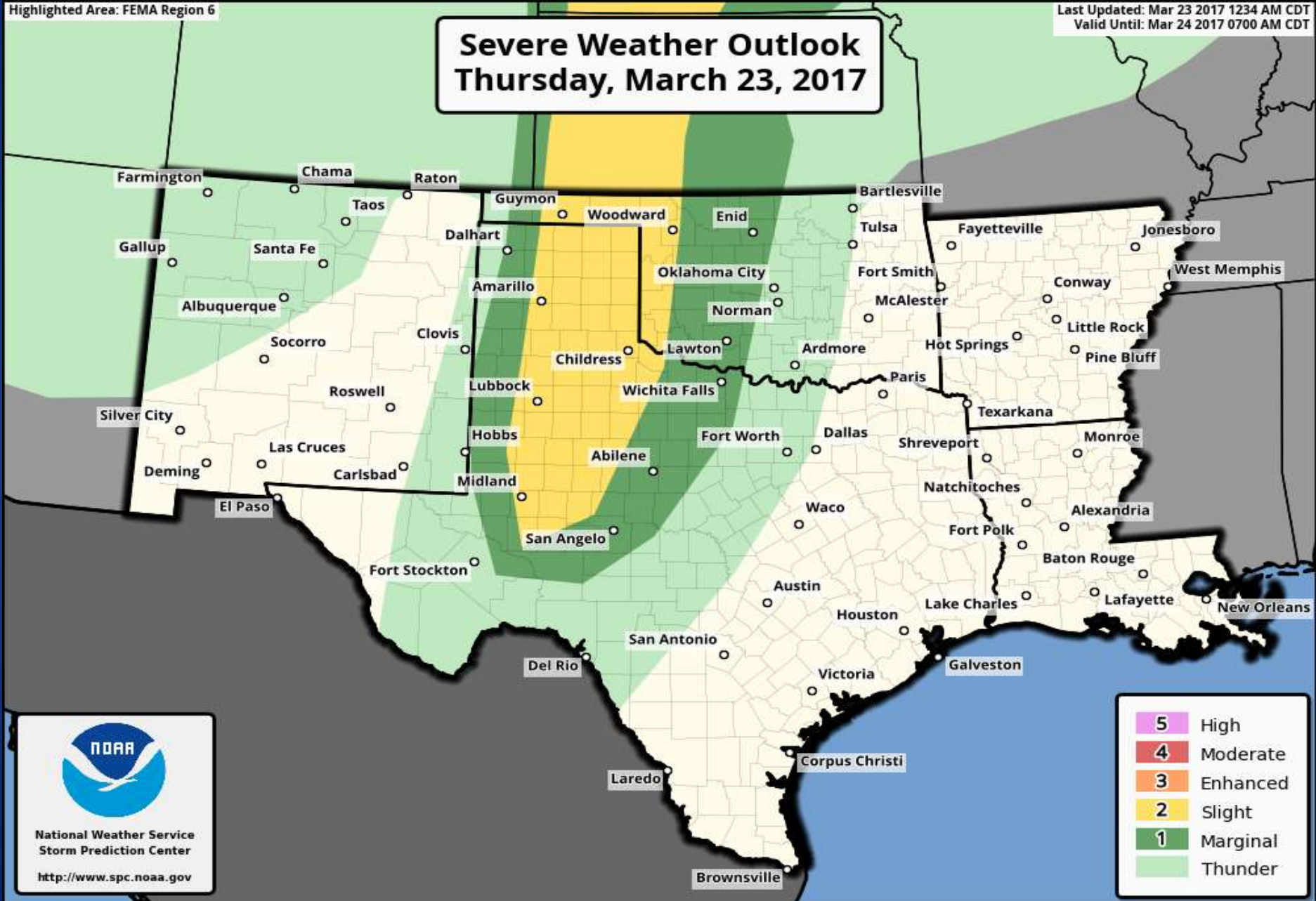
## Gusts

# Hazardous Weather

Highlighted Area: FEMA Region 6

Last Updated: Mar 23 2017 1234 AM CDT  
Valid Until: Mar 24 2017 0700 AM CDT

## Severe Weather Outlook Thursday, March 23, 2017



National Weather Service  
Storm Prediction Center

<http://www.spc.noaa.gov>

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|---|----------|
| 5 | High     |
| 4 | Moderate |
| 3 | Enhanced |
| 2 | Slight   |
| 1 | Marginal |
|   | Thunder  |



# Hazardous Weather

**Red Flag Warning**  
This afternoon through late evening

Weather Forecast Office  
Midland/Odessa, TX  
Issued March 23, 2017 5:40 AM CT

**Relative Humidity:**  
2 to 15%

**Winds:**  
SW at 30-50 mph with higher gusts in the mountains, S-SW 25-45 mph with higher gusts in the lower elevations.

**Temperatures:**  
10 degrees above normal

**Precautionary Actions**  
Avoid activities that may produce outdoor flames and sparks.

Any fires that develop will likely spread rapidly. Outdoor burning is not recommended.

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Extremely critical fire weather conditions are expected today for all of Southeast New Mexico and much of West Texas, mainly west of the Pecos. Expect very dry and windy conditions.

**Today's severe threat area from the Storm Prediction Center**  
Thursday, October 6, 2016 National Weather Service, Lubbock, TX

**Timing:**  
Storms developing along and east of the dryline after 2 pm.

**Threats:**  
Large hail up to the size of golf balls and, damaging wind gusts to 65 mph.

**Tonight:**  
Cold front sweeps through with gusty north winds and a chance of rain, mainly east.

See [weather.gov/lubbock](http://weather.gov/lubbock) for the latest updates!

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Strong thunderstorms will develop late this afternoon along and east of a dry line, and a few could become severe. These storms will spread east across much of the area this evening. Primary concerns for severe weather will be wind gusts and large hail. An isolated tornado is a lesser chance. Strong southerly winds of 30 to 35 mph will also develop along with gusts to 50 mph and perhaps areas of blowing dust. Fire weather concerns will be greatest near the New Mexico line.



# Hazardous Weather

## Critical Fire Weather Today Across the Western Panhandles

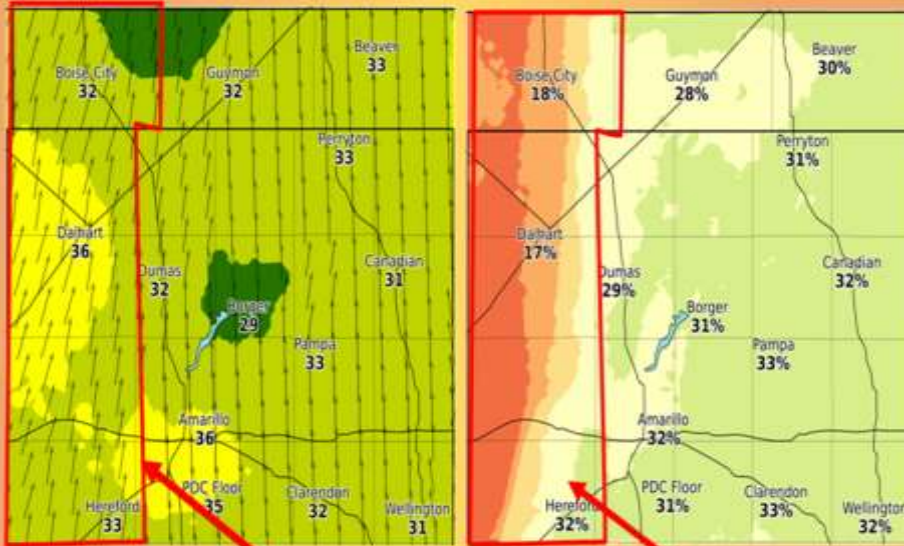
### Current Forecast for Winds and Minimum Relative Humidity This Afternoon

**Winds**

Valid: Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 04 PM CDT

**Lowest Relative Humidities**

Valid: March 23, 2017



**Red Flag Warning in Effect Today**



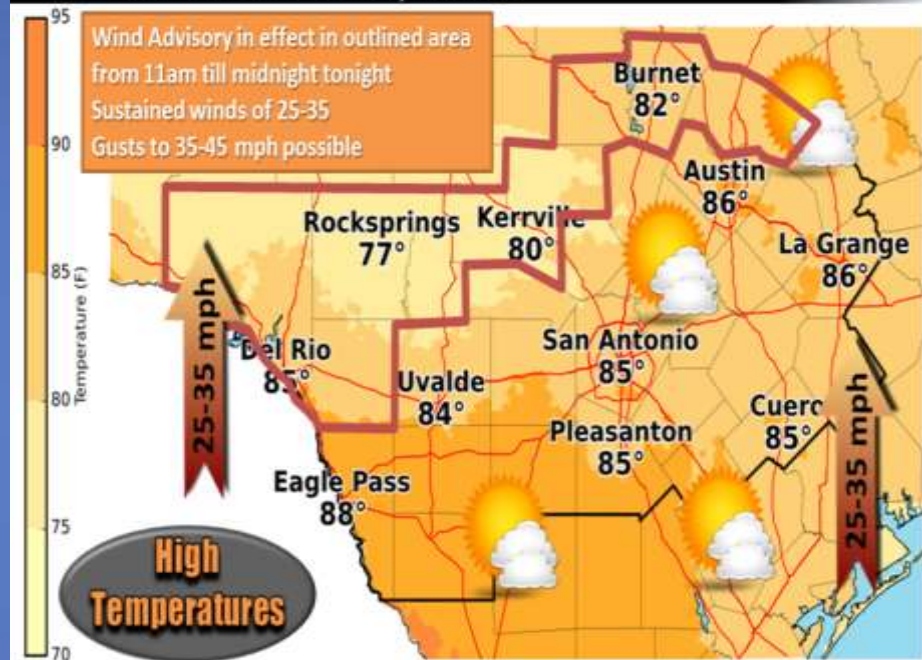
**National Weather Service - Amarillo**

Issued: 3/23/2017 7:43 AM



## Today: Windy and Warm

National Weather Service Austin / San Antonio



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weather.gov/ewx

The combination of very strong winds today and low relative humidities will result in Critical Fire Weather conditions across the far western Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles. Limit activities which could result in a spark or flame.

Early morning low clouds will give way to mostly sunny skies this afternoon with highs in the mid 80s. A wind advisory will be in effect from 11am through midnight tonight for sustained winds of 25- 35 mph with periodic gusts to near 40-45 mph across the outlined areas in the Hill Country and Southern Edwards Plateau. Temperatures will warm nicely into the low to upper 80s once again.





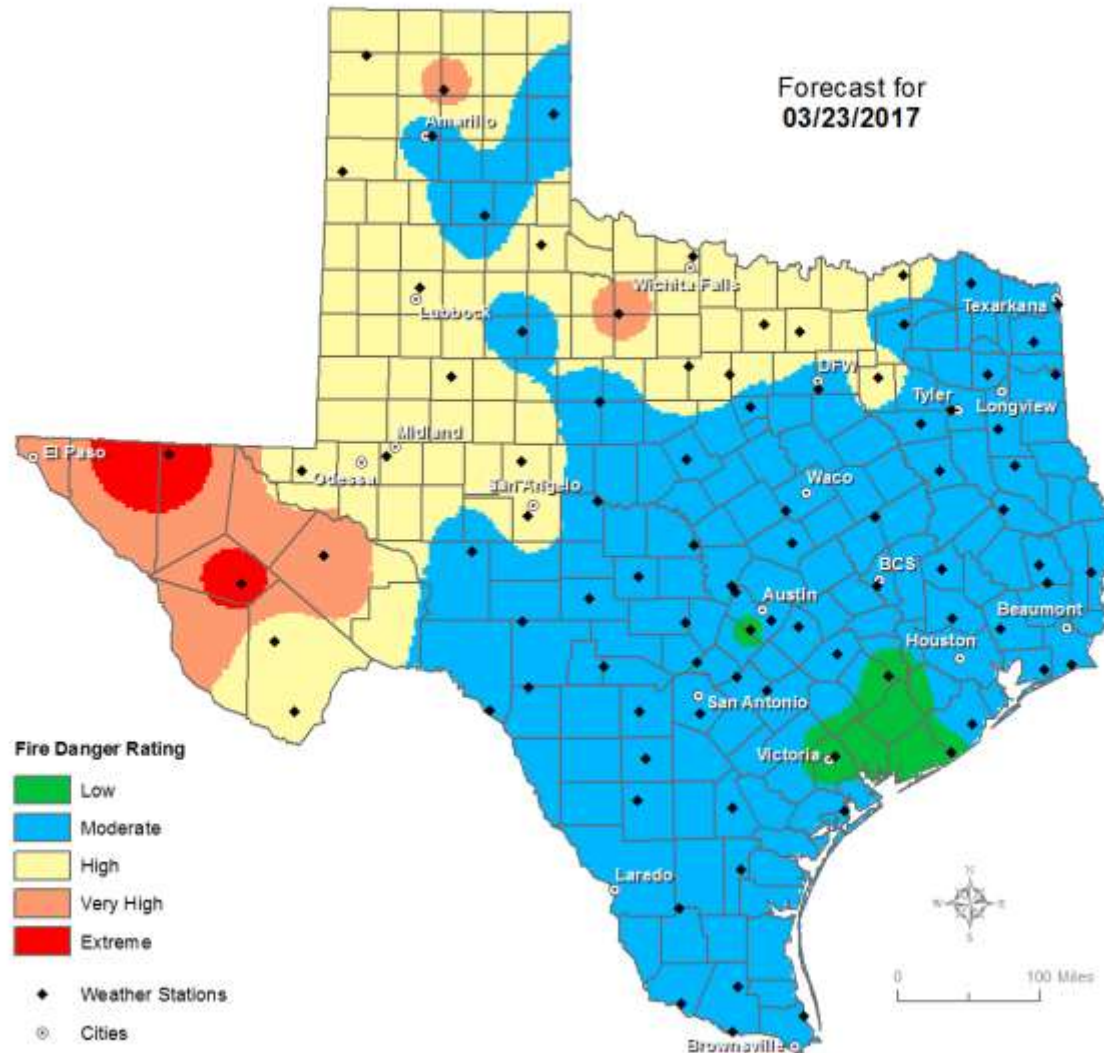
# Weather Warning/Advisories Issued

DATE	WARNING TYPE	LOCATION
03/23/17	Dense Fog Advisory Remains in Effect	Hardin, Northern Jasper, Southern Jasper, Jefferson, Northern Newton, Southern Newton, Orange and Tyler Counties
03/23/17	High Wind Warning Remains in Effect	Eastern/Central El Paso County; Northern Hudspeth Highlands/Hueco Mountains; Salt Basin; Southern Hudspeth Highlands; Rio Grande Valley of Eastern El Paso/Western Hudspeth Counties
03/23/17	High Wind Warning	Andrews, Crane, Ector, Gaines, Midland, Upton, Ward and Winkler Counties; Van Horn and Highway 54 Corridor; Upper Trans Pecos; Davis/Apache Mountains Area; Marfa Plateau; Big Bend Area

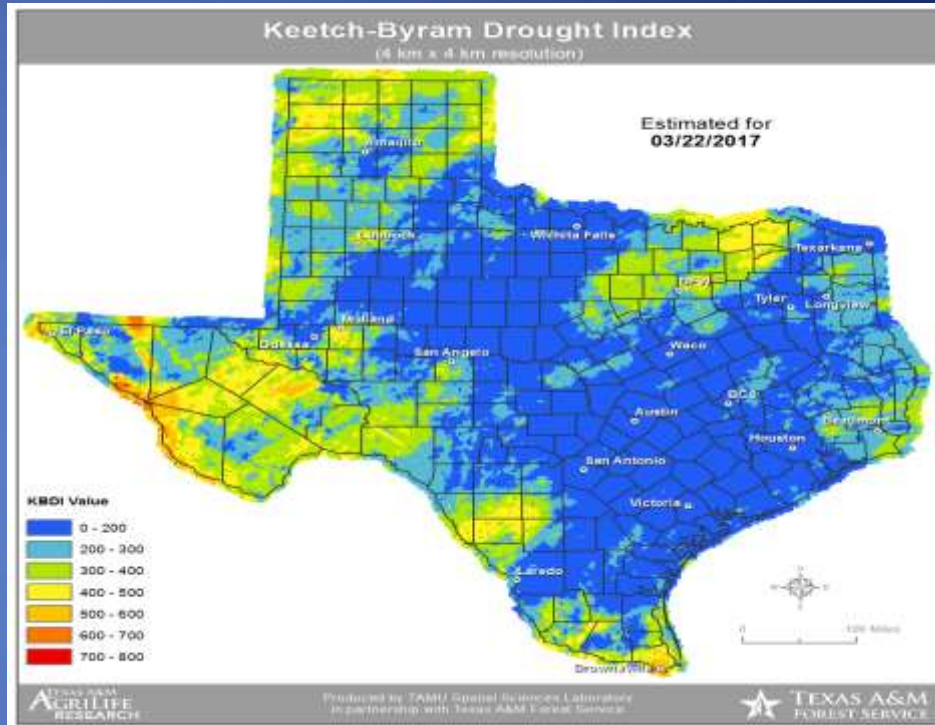
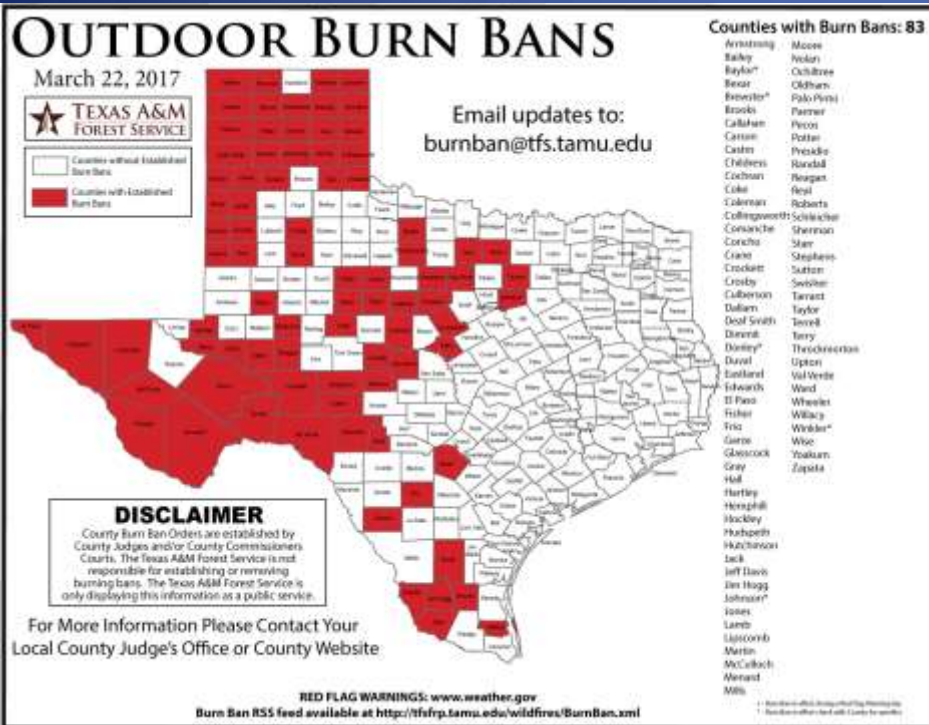


# Fire Danger Forecast

## Forecast Fire Danger



# Burn Bans and KBDI INDEX



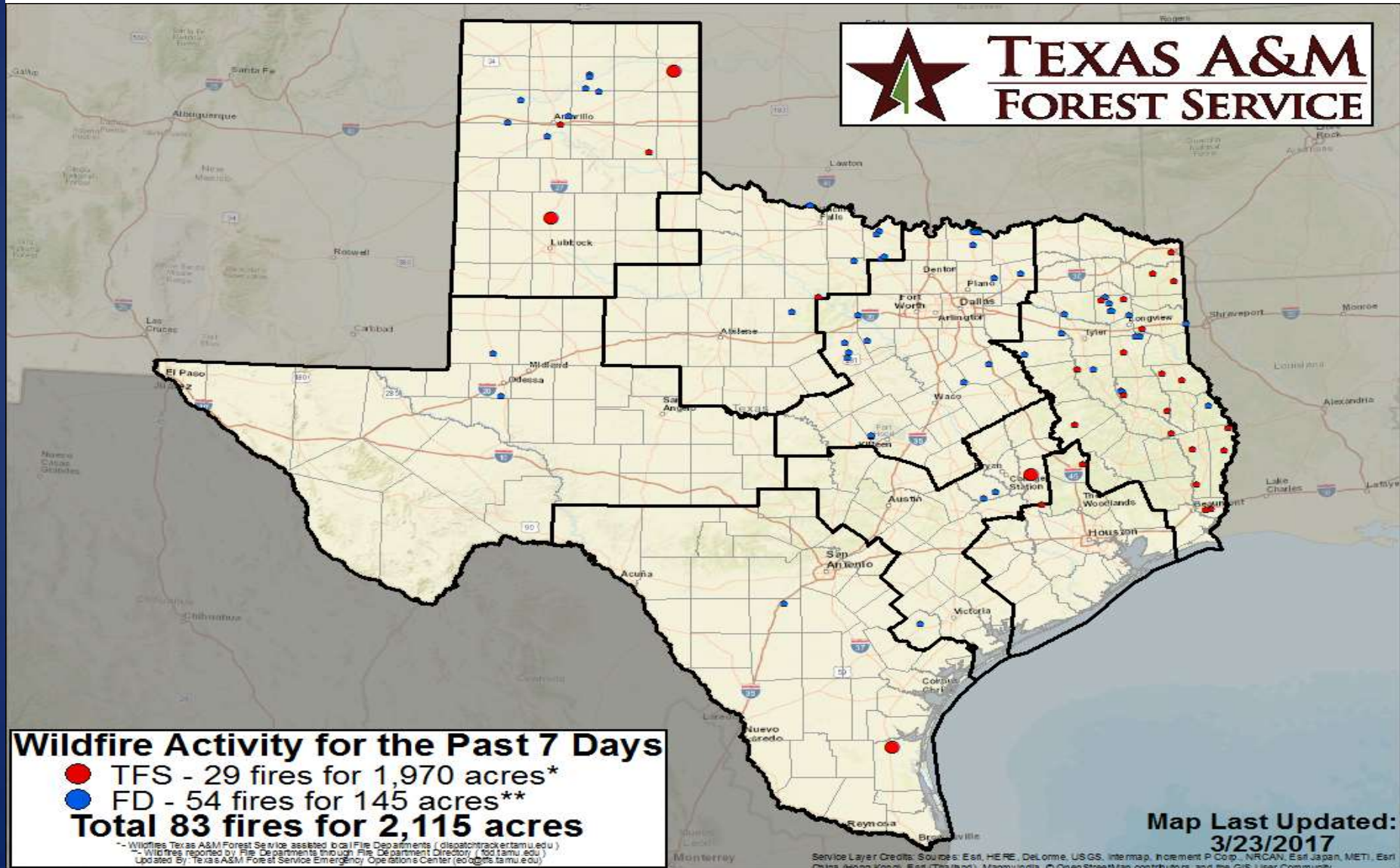
# Fire Weather Warnings/Watches/Statements

DATE	WARNING TYPE	LOCATION
03/22/17	Red Flag Warning	Brewster, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Loving, Presidio, and Reeves Counties
03/23/17	Red Flag Warning	Bailey, Castro, Cochran, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Hartley, Lamb, Oldham, Parmer and Yoakum Counties
03/23/17	Fire Danger Statement	Archer, Baylor, Clay, Duval, Foard, Hardeman, Jim Wells, Kleberg, Knox, Nueces, San Patricio, Webb, Wichita and Wilbarger Counties
03/23/17	Red Flag Warning Remains in Effect	Guadalupe Mountains; Van Horn and Highway 54 Corridor; Upper Trans Pecos; Davis/Apache Mountains Area; Presidio Valley; Marfa Plateau; Big Bend Area; Loving, Pecos, Reeves, Ward and Winkler Counties; El Paso and Hudspeth Counties
03/23/17	Grass Fire Danger Statement	Comanche, Eastland, Erath, Hood, Jack, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Stephens, Wise and Young Counties



# Fire Activity (\*Last 24 Hours)

Reports 364 (+11) fires and 566,041 (+597) acres destroyed this year. There are 83 (no change) counties with burn bans. The Keetch-Byram Drought Index list 7 (+2) counties with an average over 400.



# Training

DATES		TITLE	COURSE	LOCATION
03/20/17	03/24/17	NFPA 1006 2013 Edition Confined Space Rescue Levels I and II Training (Pro-Board Certificates)	H-503	Corpus Christi
03/21/17	03/23/17	Oil Spill Containment, Protection, and Recovery Tactics (Inland Water)	H-305	New Braunfels
03/21/17	03/23/17	Instructional Presentation and Evaluation Skills	G-141	Austin
03/21/17	03/24/17	NIMS ICS All-Hazards Safety Officer Course (SOFR)	E/L-954	Jonestown
03/22/17	03/23/17	Medical Countermeasures: Points of Dispensing (POD), Planning and Response	MGT-319	Sinton
03/22/17	03/24/17	Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents	G-300	Austin
03/22/17	03/24/17	Emergency Operation Center (EOC) Operations for All-Hazards Events	MGT-346	Houston
03/23/17	03/23/17	Hazardous Material (HazMat) Awareness	H-100	Texarkana
03/23/17	03/23/17	Hazardous Material (HazMat) Awareness	H-100	Bay City
03/23/17	03/23/17	Rapid Needs Assessment	G-557	McAllen

# Exercises

DATE(S)		AGENCY/LOCATION	EXERCISE
03/23/17	03/23/17	Diboll/Angelina County	Drill: Hazard Plan POD
03/23/17	03/23/17	Archer City/Archer County	Table Top: Emergency Immunization

# Statewide Significant Events

DATE(S)		LOCATION	EVENT
03/06/17	03/30/17	South Padre Island	City of South Padre Island 2017 Spring Break *Texas Week*
03/07/17	03/26/17	Houston	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
03/12/17	03/26/17	Austin	South by Southwest SXSW
03/22/17	03/26/17	Austin	Austin World Golf Championship - Match Play